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COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

At page 3 of the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner's statement of the Reasons for Allowance does not accurately track with the limitations of independent claims 1 and 9. Thus, it is believed that what the Examiner intended to state, at lines 2 - 12, is as follows:

- -The prior art fails to teach a combination of all the claimed features as presented in independent claims 1 and 9, for example, which include a zoom lens having only two lens groups, in order from the object side, the first lens group having a first lens component of negative refractive power that is made of plastic and has at least one aspheric lens surface and a second lens component of positive refractive power, and a second lens group having a stop, a first lens component consisting of a first lens element having a biconvex shape and made of plastic with at least one lens surface aspheric, and a second lens component that includes a lens element of negative refractive power with the absolute value of the curvature of its object-side lens surface being smaller than the absolute value of the curvature of its image-side lens surface, said lens element being joined at its image-side lens surface to a biconvex lens element, and the following conditions are satisfied: - -

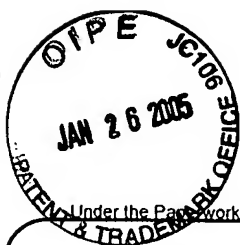
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